

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

--LAMINATED METALLIC SHEET FOR ~~CAN~~ USE IN CANS--

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ use in cans, used for metallic ~~can~~ cans and can ~~lid~~ lids by working thereof after heat treatment such as baking finish and baking print.--

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--In recent years, the can manufacturing industry ~~studies~~ has studied the application of laminated metallic sheet fabricated by laminating a thermoplastic resin film on a metallic sheet. Particularly from the points of corrosion resistance, safety, and heat resistance, there have been ~~given the~~ proposals relating to the laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ cans using polyester resin as the laminate because the polyester resin represented by polyethylene terephthalate has well-balanced characteristics.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

--The laminated metallic sheets described in the above three patent publications show excellent workability when a laminated metallic sheet is formed to the can body and can lid, (hereinafter also referred to as the "can manufacturing work"). If, however, the can manufacturing work is ~~given~~ performed after painting or printing on the laminated metallic sheet in order to give decorative appearance, indication of contents, indication of cautions, and the like, cracks are generated in the film during the can manufacturing work stage because the film on the metallic sheet is deteriorated by the heat of the baking step for the paint and print.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 and bridging pages 2 and 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Considering the above problems, the present invention has an object to provide a laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ cans, which laminated metallic sheet has excellent workability giving no crack in the resin film on the metallic sheet even when the can manufacturing work is applied after heat treatment such as baking finish and baking print.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention provides a laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ cans, which laminated metallic sheet has a

polyester resin film containing about 50% by mole or more of polyethylene terephthalate on at least one side of a metallic sheet, and shows about 22 to about 25 cm^{-1} of half value width of shift peak caused by the C=O stretching vibration at $1730 \pm 20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the Raman spectra, using a linear polarization laser light, on the film of the laminated metallic sheet for ~~ean~~ cans after heat treatment. The heat treatment for the laminated metallic sheet for ~~ean~~ cans is preferably at least one treatment selected from the group consisting of baking finish and baking print.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--For the laminated metallic sheets for ~~ean~~ cans, the polyester resin is preferably a copolyester containing about 50% by mole or more of ethylene terephthalate component. The copolyester is more preferably a copolyester obtained from terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, and ethylene glycol.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 and bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following amended paragraph:

--Furthermore, the present invention provides a laminated metallic sheet for ~~ean~~ cans having excellent post-heat-treatment workability, which laminated metallic sheet has a polyester-based resin containing polyethylene terephthalate as the main component, being laminated on a metallic sheet, and showing 22 to 25 cm^{-1} of half value width of Raman shift peak caused by the C=O stretching vibration in the vicinity of 1730 ± 20

cm^{-1} in the Laser Raman ~~spectrometry~~ spectra using a linear polarization laser light on the film surface layer of the laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ cans after heat treatment.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--The inventors of the present invention have conducted ~~detail~~ detailed studies on the film for laminating metallic sheet, which film does not generate cracks during the can manufacturing work stage and can lid working stage even after the heat treatment such as baking finish and baking paint, and have found that, for a metallic sheet laminated with a polyester film containing polyethylene terephthalate, (hereinafter referred to also as PET), as the main component, precise control of the degree of crystallinity of amorphous crystals (spherulite) formed in the film layer after the heat treatment is effective.--

Page 12, replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

--For improving ~~beautiful~~ appearance, a coloring agent such as pigment and dye may be added to the resin film. For providing slidability, inorganic lubricating agent, antistatic agent, and the like may be added to the resin film. The method for thermocompression bonding coating of resin film on the surface of metallic sheet is not specifically limited. Generally a thermofusion type laminating unit shown in Fig. 5 is applied. The metal strip 2 heated in the heater 1 is clamped between a

pair of lamination rolls 4. By applying a specified lamination roll pressing force to the strip 2, the resin film 3 continuously laminates on one side or both sides of the metal strip 2. In this case, it is applicable to form an adhesive layer between the film and the metallic sheet, thereby conducting lamination via the adhesive.--

Page 16, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--Therefore, according to the present invention, a laminated metallic sheet for ~~can~~ cans having excellent workability after heat treatment is obtained. Since a metallic sheet laminated by a polyester-based resin containing polyethylene terephthalate as the main component, according to the present invention, has excellent workability after heat treatment, the metallic sheet is suitable for the material of metallic ~~can~~ cans and can ~~lid~~ lids which are formed by working after the heat treatment such as baking finish and baking print.-